

Q&A

Analytical Bid

455-16-0001

Q: Will the soil samples need to be reported on a Dry Weight basis?

A: Yes

Q: Is method substitution allowed? For example, may we propose Method 8260 for Method 8021?

A: For the purposes of responding to this IFB, all bidders must respond according to the BSS line items as stated with no changes or substitutions.

Q: Will this contract require the use of Method 5035 sampling devices and preparation for soil volatile and/or BTEX samples?

A: Not under the contract.

Q: Cover the state is logistically challenging for any laboratory. Would the Texas Railroad Commission consider awarding more than one contract based on districts or regions, as it has in the past?

A: The Commission has determined that a statewide contract is in the best interest of the Commission.

Q: Some of the methods, e.g., TCLP, cannot be performed within the defined 24-hour expedited turnaround time. Please confirm that the turnaround time for those methods will reflect appropriate time to analyze the samples

A: The turnaround time for expedited analysis is the close of business the day following the date of receipt of the samples. For example, if you receive the sample on Wednesday, you have until COB on Thursday to provide data.

Q: Will the contract allow a right of refusal for any given scope of work/project?

A: It is our expectation that all submitted samples will be analyzed by the Contractor or a subcontractor.

Q: Given the strict penalties and liquidated damages, the laboratory needs advance notice of the samples, both normal and expedited turnaround time. How much lead time will the laboratory receive that samples are being sent?

A: There is no advanced notice or lead time provision in the contract.

Q: How many copies of the Bid Submission Sheet should be submitted?

A: Only the completed original is needed. We do not need any additional copies